

Kim Mun language

Kim Mun language (金门方言) is a [Hmong–Mien language](#) spoken by 200,000 of the [Yao people](#) in the provinces of [Guangxi](#), [Hunan](#) and [Hainan](#), as well as 170,000 in some areas of northern Vietnam. (figures as per Ethnologue, 18th Edition)

[Iu Mien](#) and Kim Mun are very similar to each other, having a lexical similarity percentage of 78%.

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Distribution

In China, Kim Mun is spoken in the following counties (Mao 2004:304-305).^[3]

- *Yunnan*: Hekou, Malipo, Maguan, Xichou, Qiubei, Guagnan, Funing, Yanshan, Shizong, Jiangcheng, Mojiang, Yuanyang, Jinping, Lüchun, Mengla, Jinghong
- *Guangxi*: Xilin, Lingyun, Napo, Tianlin, Fengshan, Bama, Lipu, Pingle, Mengshan, Jinxiu, Yongfu, Luzhai, Fangcheng, Shangsi
- *Hainan*: Qiongzhong, Baoting, Qionghai, Tunchang, Ledong, Wanning, Yaxian

Kim Mun	
Native to	China, Vietnam, Laos
Region	Jinxiu Yao Autonomous County
Native speakers	(ca. 400,000 cited 1995– 1999) ^[1]
Language family	Hmong–Mien <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mienic ▪ Mian–Jin ▪ Kim Mun
Official status	
Official language in	 China (Jinxiu Yao Autonomous County)
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mji
Glottolog	kimm1245 (ht tp://glottol og.org/resou rce/languoi d/id/kimm124 5) ^[2]

The Ethnologue lists several counties in Vietnam where Kim Mun is spoken. The Van Ban district of Lao Cai province is perhaps the primary area. In Vietnam, [Dao people](#) belonging to the Quần Trắng, Thanh Y, and Áo Dài subgroups speak Kim Mun.^[4]

Notes

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